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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION CONTAINING  
MODIFIED CONJUGATED DIENE-BASED  
POLYMER BONDED TO FULLERENE

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Examiner: R. A. Lee

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2007 in the above-captioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.